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No report has yet been made in the Walker-Rhea contest.

CHARITY begins at home, and, by the way, most of it stays there.

It may surprise some people to learn that a modern Atlantic liner must earn about \$800,000 clear per trip before a penny of profit is made.

The New Orleans Mardi Gras parade is to be reproduced at the Free Street Fair and Carnival to be held May 14 to 19, inclusive, at Richmond, Va.

A WESTERN exchange says that a single wild tribe of Indians in that region is using 41 kinds of vegetables which are absolutely unknown to the majority of cooks.

CONGRESSMAN W. F. RHEA has authorized the statement for publication that he will be a candidate for renomination for Congress by the Democrats of this district.

TALK about "looking for opportunities of doing good!" We may as well walk about looking for firewood in a forest or water during a flood. The world is full of such opportunities.

The United Confederate Veterans will hold their reunion at Louisville on May 30, 31 and June 1, 2 and 3. The railroads will charge only one cent per mile for the trip and many ex-Confederate soldiers will attend from all parts of the South.

The American Monthly Review of Reviews for March discusses the war in South Africa in its various phases, the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, the Puerto Rican tariff, our situation in the Philippines, the steamship subsidy bill, the Kentucky disorders, Governor Roosevelt's administration in New York, the approaching Presidential campaign, and many other timely topics.

The State Department has been notified that the Persian government is about to send a minister to Washington. For ten years this post has been vacant, the incumbent leaving in a dudgeon owing to the merciless ridicule heaped upon him by the American press on account of his queer name—Hadj Hassan Gooli Khan Mahomet El Versari—with half a dozen additional syllables. The department has in this case not been notified in advance of the name of the new minister.

THERE is an extraordinary deposit of driftwood on the coast of Alaska, some 1,200 or 1,500 miles northwest of Seattle. A constant deposit of logs and driftwood has been going on for hundreds of years, and it is due to the phenomena of the tides, the Pacific Gulf Stream, the ocean currents and the peculiar formations of the shore-lines at that point. According to the Chicago Times-Herald, logs and timbers are readily identified there as having come from Japan, China, India and other localities of Asia, as well as from California, Washington and other parts of the American continent.

The report of Governor-General Davis of Porto Rico shows that about one-eighth of the island is under cultivation, the remainder being largely mountains and not capable of raising crops without heavy preliminary expenditures. Of the 300,000 acres now cultivated, 122,000 are devoted to coffee, 61,000 to sugar, 4,200 to tobacco. The fruit interest is backward. Oranges, bananas, pineapples, and limes might be grown for export, but are cultivated only for the home demand. In Governor Davis' opinion, Porto Rico must look to sugar, tobacco, and coffee for exports in the immediate future. The maximum of sugar exports was 170,000 tons in 1879, surely not enough to be dangerous to the sugar planters of the United States.

One great difficulty that the Post Office Department is meeting in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, is found in the constant repetition of the names of places. In the United States we have the same thing, but here it is a difficulty because the state must be added to an address in order to insure its reaching the addressee and because the Department will not allow two postoffices of the same name in one state. But in letters to the Spanish colonies, it seems to be impossible to persuade our citizens to add the province. No one here would expect a letter simply addressed to Smithville, for instance, to reach the right Smithville with any degree of promptness, yet dozens of letters are sent to San Tomas in the Philippines without the mention of the province. Yet there are towns of this name in the Provinces of Pampanga, Union, and Batangas. Santa Cruz is in Mindoro, in Laguna, in Ilocos Sur, in Cavite, in Zambales, and Davao, while other names are similarly multiplied. Unless the name of the province is given on all such letters it is impossible for the post office to forward them intelligently.

## American Opinion on the War.

The English press continues to show great interest in the nature of American sentiment and opinion regarding the war in South Africa. It may be safely said that the feeling of the American people is far more friendly toward the English people, whom they know, than toward the Boer people, who are strangers in the full sense. But at the same time American feeling is far more favorable toward the Boer cause than toward the English cause in this particular war. There is nothing paradoxical about this state of mind. The people of the United States have always been in sympathy with English Liberals rather than with English Tories. When the leading Liberals are candidates enough, in the face of the war excitement, to say plainly that England is waging an unjust and improper war, with an unanswerable array of facts and arguments, it is not strange that Americans, who are outside the influence of the war excitement, and able, therefore, to look at the situation soberly, should adopt as their own the opinion of men like Morley, Bryce, and Harcourt. There is indeed much racial fellow-feeling between England and the United States; but it must not be supposed that the family feeling is strong enough to blind us to the merits of a controversy. At least it is quite too much to suppose that such sympathy, growing out of kinship and the possession of a common language and literature, would assert itself actively except on occasions of magnitude. If England were in desperate warfare with a coalition of the great European powers, the English blood of America would be aroused quite irrespective of the nature of the quarrel that had led to the war—just as the German blood of America was excited to the utmost on behalf of Germany during the Franco-Prussian contest.—Review of Reviews.

## Half-cent Coins.

It is proposed to introduce a bill in congress to authorize the coining of half-cent or five-mill pieces. Half-cent coins were once coined by the government, but they went out of use fifty years ago. There is a demand for these small coins in some of the northern and western cities, and some department stores in Chicago and other places issue half-cent tokens that are given and received in change. In the south the people are slow to take account of smaller amounts than 5-cent pieces. Before the war and for some time afterwards it was the custom to take no note of fractions less than five cents in trade. If, for instance, the purchaser's bill amounted to \$5.28, he would pay \$5.30, or if it were \$5.27, he would pay only \$5.25. This practice exists to a considerable extent today, and people in this section do not, as a rule, buy less than 5 cents worth of anything, although

# SCOTT'S EMULSION

OF COD-LIVER OIL WITH HYPOPHOSPHITES

should always be kept in the house for the following reasons:

- FIRST**—Because, if any member of the family has a hard cold, it will cure it.
- SECOND**—Because, if the children are delicate and sickly, it will make them strong and well.
- THIRD**—Because, if the father or mother is losing flesh and becoming thin and emaciated, it will build them up and give them flesh and strength.
- FOURTH**—Because it is the standard remedy in all throat and lung affections.

No household should be without it. It can be taken in summer as well as in winter.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

# "Spring Unlocks The Flowers"

To Paint the Laughing Soul.  
And not even Nature would allow the flowers to grow and blossom to perfection without good soil. Now Nature and people are much alike; the former must have sunshine, latter must have pure blood in order to have perfect health.

Hood's Sarsaparilla cures blood troubles of all sorts. It is to the human system what sunshine is to Nature—the destroyer of disease germs. It never disappoints.

**Poor Blood**—The doctor said there were not seven drops of good blood in my body. Hood's Sarsaparilla built me up and made me strong and well. STEVE E. BROWN, 16 Astor Hill, Lynn, Mass.

**Dyspepsia, etc.**—A complication of troubles, dyspepsia, chronic catarrh and inflammation of the stomach, rheumatism, etc., made me miserable. Hadging appetite until I took Hood's Sarsaparilla, which acted like magic. I am thoroughly cured. N. B. SHELLEY, 1874 W. 14th St., Denver, Col.

**Rheumatism**—My husband was obliged to give up work on account of rheumatism. No remedy helped until he used Hood's Sarsaparilla, which permanently cured him. It cured my daughter of catarrh. I give it to the children with good results. Mrs. J. S. McMAHON, Stamford, Ct.

**Hood's Sarsaparilla**  
NEVER DISAPPOINTS  
Hood's Pills cure liver ills, the non-irritating and only cathartic in the world.

the use of cents in making small purchases is increasing. There is no reason, however, why there should not be an exactness in payment and making change, and the coining and issuance of half-cent pieces, would probably tend to make this minute and nicety in transactions of general observance. Certainly, if an article is worth only 2 1/2 cents, there is no good reason why 3 cents should be paid for it. And yet one cannot help feeling in the south that, when everybody becomes closely calculating and exacting to the half-cent, it will mark the passing of one of the peculiar characteristics of a free-hearted, free-handed old south.—Nashville Banner.

**Hucklen's Arnica Salve.**  
The best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. W. Kelly.

## Will Japan Fight Russia?

There is no particular danger of a war between Russia and England, but close observers are of the opinion that Japan and Russia may come to blows at almost any moment. Reports have emanated from Russia to the effect that a good understanding has been reached with the Japanese, but these reports must be received with some skepticism. For several years the Japanese have regarded a war with Russia as inevitable, and they prefer to have it before the Trans-Siberian Railway is finished and while Japan's naval strength is decidedly superior to that of Russia in the Pacific. The Japanese consider themselves rightly entitled to Port Arthur and they aspire to dominate Korea. Their influence is now very great at Peking. They have known how to play upon the reactionary and anti-European sentiments of the Dowager Empress of China, and it is supposed that they are largely responsible for that lady's recent policy. It is expected that Japanese officers will reorganize the Chinese army on a modern footing, and that a firm alliance will be established between these two kindred empires. That it will be the policy of this alliance to cultivate the friendship of England and the United States, while opposing the Asiatic encroachments of Russia, can readily be believed. In short, a movement by Japan against Russia at this time, when the Muscovites want quiet in that quarter in order to make bold gains elsewhere, would be thought to point directly to a close understanding between England and Japan, if not an actual alliance.—Review of Reviews.

## Volcanic Eruptions

Are grand, but skin eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, cures them, also, old, running and fever sores, ulcers, boils, felioms, corns, warts, cuts, bruises, burns, scalds, chapped hands, chilblains. Best Pile cure on earth. Drives out pains and aches. Only 25 cents a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by J. W. Kelly, Druggist.

## FROM STONEGA.

STONEGA, Va. April 4.—Some miscreant placed a large bolt on the track near Preacher on Monday evening, but the engineer noticed it just in time to prevent an accident. The same bolt was found on the track about 20 minutes before the train (which was the evening coke train) came along, but was thrown aside supposing that children had been playing and left it there, but when it was found there the second time it showed design.

## Blamers' Iron Nerve

Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25 cents at J. W. Kelly's drug store.

## Virginia Coal Fields.

For the seven months ending January 1, 1899, the exports from America of anthracite coal were 954,377 tons, while for a corresponding period ending with January 1, 1900, the export of anthracite amounted to 1,112,177 tons, an increase of 157,800 tons or 16.5.

Turning to bituminous coal we find the following startling figures: For the seven months ending with January 1, 1899, the export of soft coal was 1,961,200 tons, while for the corresponding period ending with January 1, 1900, the figures foot up the enormous total of 2,749,112 tons, an increase in tons of 787,912 and a percentage of 40.1, the increase in bituminous coal being two and a half times that of anthracite. These figures go far to justify the contention that the coal fields of the Old Dominion insure the state a prosperity not dependent upon breadstuffs, or tobacco, or iron, but deep in the bowels of the earth the future wealth of Virginia lies, ready for the pick of the miner, the rest of the world standing prepared to absorb the surplus of her coal mines as fast as it can be sent to market.

When account is taken of the fact that the bituminous coal of the state of Virginia is the best for all purposes which is mined in the whole country, equal, in fact, to that which has so long held its place among coal users from the mines of Wales, the point of the argument becomes irresistible, and with the progress of railroads and other means of coal transportation the prosperous future of the grand old state becomes apparent.

With the end of the war in South Africa there is no probability that the demand for Virginia coal will decline, for the needs of the manufacturing world are increasing so rapidly that notwithstanding the energy displayed in this direction for which the people of this country are noted, the demand will exceed the supply.

Thus there is another field wherein the United States will for the future dominate the markets of the old world.

With all this dazzling prospect before our coal miners, due heed must be taken that the markets are not overstocked and that prices are not run so low as to set a bad example for the future. The only thing required is that the cost of Virginia coal shall be so regulated as to undersell the output of other coal-producing centres, and the markets of the manufacturing world are hers.

This is no chimerical flight of the imagination, but comes from the cold figures which cannot lie, and the facts here set forth are commended to the financiers of Virginia in the hope that the wealth lying 'at her doors may be kept within the commonwealth, whose energy and industry shall insure that her future will be free from all menace of "hard times" or financial depression.—Richmond Times.

"Seeing is believing." You can see what Hood's Sarsaparilla has done for others, and must believe it will do the same for you.

## SNIPS.

The Republicans say that the sugar and tobacco trusts will pay the Porto Rican duties. How's that? We thought they told us that it was the foreigner who paid the tariff taxes a few years ago.—Southwest Virginian.

"The dairymaid pensively milked the goat,  
And pouting, paused to mutter:  
'I wish, you brute, you'd turn to milk!'  
And the Animal turned to butt her."

"I never have imagined I was going to the poor-house, nor have I been as bad off as Pat said he was when the Jew wanted to sell him a trunk. 'Come in Pat, and let me sell you a trunk,' said the Jew.

"What for?" said Pat.

"Why, to put your clothes in," replied the storekeeper.

And, begorra, go naked?" said Pat.—Sam Jones.

If a negro killed Goebel, he should not be punished as the prime criminal in the case. Behind him are a lot of blood thirsty white scoundrels who plotted the murder and paid the negro to do the work. These are the men who deserves the severest penalty.—Greenville Democrat.

The Newcastle Record says that the republicans of Rockingham county had a regular cat and dog time in their county convention held a few days ago. They "fit" and bit each other worse than the Irish used to do at Donnybrook fair. Some of the leaders were badly disfigured, and others were arrested and taken before the police court to answer for violations of the criminal law.

English capital is to be invested in an important manufacturing plant at Glade Spring, Va. The capitalists interested are Wm. C. Best, of Radford, and Chas. E. Johnston, of Pittsburgh, England. These gentlemen are manufacturers of adamant build.

## Headache

Is often a warning that the liver is torpid or inactive. More serious troubles may follow. For a prompt, efficient cure of Headache and all liver troubles, take

## Hood's Pills

While they rouse the liver, restore full, regular action of the bowels, they do not gripe or pain, do not irritate or inflame the internal organs, but have a positive tonic effect. 25c. at all druggists or by mail of C. E. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

# CANCER Cannot be Cut Out or Removed with Plasters

Surgical operations and flesh destroying plasters are useless, painful and dangerous, and besides, never cure Cancer. No matter how often a cancerous sore is removed another comes at or near the same point, and always a worse one. Does not this prove conclusively that Cancer is a blood disease, and that it is folly to attempt to cure this deadly disease by blood trouble by cutting or burning out the sore, which, after all, is only an outward sign of the disease—a plant of the poison?

Cancer runs in families through many generations, and those whose ancestors have been afflicted with it are liable to be stricken with the deadly malady.

## Only Blood Diseases can be Transmitted from One Generation to Another

—Further proof that Cancer is a disease of the blood.

To cure a blood disease like this you must cure the entire blood system—remove every trace of the poison. Nothing S. S. S. can effectually and permanently but S. S. S.

S. S. S. enters the circulation, searches out all taint, and stops the formation of cancerous cells. No matter how ordinary blood medicine can do this. S. S. S. goes down to the very roots of the disease, and forces out the poison, allowing the sore to heal naturally and permanently. S. S. S. at the same time purifies the blood and builds up the system, so that the patient is able to bear the removal of the cancerous growth, and the cure is permanent.

A little pimple, a harmless looking wart or mole, a lump in the breast, a cut or bruise, or any other mark on the skin, should all be looked upon with suspicion, as this is often the beginning of a bad form of cancer.

Mrs. Sarah M. Keesling, of Windsor Ave., Bristol, Tenn., writes: "I am 41 years old, and for three years I have suffered with a severe form of Cancer on my jaw, which the doctors in this city said was incurable, and that I could not live more than six months. I accepted their statement as true, and had given up all hope of ever being well again, when my druggist, knowing of my condition, recommended S. S. S. After taking a few bottles the sore began to heal, much to the surprise of the physicians, and in a short time made a complete cure. I have gained in flesh, my appetite is splendid, sleep is refreshing—in fact, an enjoying life!"

Our medical department is in charge of physicians of long experience, who are especially skilled in treating Cancer and other blood diseases. Write for our information wanted, we make no charge whatever for this service. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC COMPANY, ATLANTA, GA.

ing marbles, cornice work, kalsomine and other varieties of building material made from gypsum, commonly called plaster rock. The rock from which these materials are made is abundant near Saltville.—Pulaski News-Review.

We understand that General Walker says, "no power under heaven could induce him to accept the nomination for congress this fall unless Rhea is the nominee, then he wants it." This is a nice way the General has to ask for the nomination, for he knows Rhea will be the nominee of the Democratic party.—Lebanon News.

Gentle Spring is having about as hard a time in her struggle with Grim Winter as Otis has in keeping the Filipinos whipped.—Greenville (Tenn.) Times.

Unless matters are carefully managed some ambitious person will arise and try to pose as Geo. Washington, of Porto Rico.—Bluefield Telegraph.

Shakespeare, who is credited with many very wise sayings, has left on record that the quality of mercy is not strained—it blesses him who gives and receives it. It is equally true that slander injures him who slanders and who is slandered. The Bible truly has said that the tongue is the only thing that has never been tamed. Avoid a slanderer, news-carrier and street "cusser" as you would a loathsome and vile disease.—Abingdon Virginian.

It seems assured that Hon. W. F. Rhea member of Congress from the Ninth district, will have no opposition. This will be true, no matter what be the decision of the house in the pending contest between General James A. Walker and Mr. Rhea over the seat from the Ninth. Judge Rhea has rendered the party as fine service in the Ninth district as any man has given to his party in any district in the state. He is one of the ablest, and at the same time most fearless workers in Virginia. Naturally, his constituents feel he is a man to whom honor in the form of preferment is eminently due.—Richmond Dispatch.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup should be kept in every household. It is the best remedy for cough or cold, and is especially recommended for that gripe-cough. Price 25 cents.

SECRETARY ROOT, in response to a resolution, has sent a schedule to the House showing the cost of the war in the Philippines. It amounts to \$48,928,060, and is divided among the different branches of the army as follows: Quartermaster General's department, \$25,715,901; Pay department, \$10,883,134; Bureau of Subsistence, \$8,950,000; Ordnance department, \$1,860,239; Medical department, \$1,506,173; Signal Corps, \$286,923; Engineer department, Office of the Secretary of War, and Judge Advocate General, \$75,703.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 2.—It is regarded as so certain that the Senate will pass the Porto Rico bill tomorrow, when the vote will be taken, that public interest is already transferred to the House, where the result is not so certain. The free traders are making some pretty stiff claims as to their ability to strike out the tariff clause of the bill and insert one providing for free trade in the House, but, investigation shows that those claims have no better foundation than the talk of a few members who voted for the original tariff bill and became frightened by public criticism. There is no faltering on the part of the leaders of the majority in the House, and the chances are that they will be able to keep the grumblers in line for the bill. The majority of the House is always susceptible to administration influence, and the whole influence of the administration is being thrown in favor of the Porto Rican bill. Speaker Henderson is also lending a hand and he says the bill will become a law before the end of the present week.

Secretary Root says the written instructions to the new Philippine Commission, the members of which will sail from San Francisco for Manila on the 15th inst., will not be made public at present. Doubtless the really important instructions to the Commission were given verbally and will not be made public at all.

## Virginia and Southwestern R.R.

NATURAL FERTILITY

Time Table in Effect from April 1, 1900.

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